

# Michigan Department of Community Health

## Dental Demonstration Project (DDP)

A new dental reimbursement program for HIV positive individuals in Michigan was effective May 1, 2000.

### What Is It?

The Michigan DDP program covers dental care for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS who qualify for the program.

### Who Qualifies?

- C You must be HIV positive.
- C You must be a state of Michigan resident.
- C Your income level should be no more than 200% of poverty level.
- C You must have applied for public assistance (Medicaid, and have an approved, pending or denied status) within 60 days of application to the DDP.

### What Services Are Covered?

Covered services include both preventive and restorative care including, but not limited to: cleanings, x-rays, fillings, crowns, bridges, root canals, dentures, extractions, bite splints and periodontal work. The program covers any medically necessary service including those traditionally not covered by insurance such as quarterly cleanings, sealants, and fluoride treatments.

### How Do I Obtain Services?

Case Management/Client Advocacy agencies can assist applicants in completing the DDP application. Completed applications will be reviewed and accepted or denied. When accepted by the DDP, you will receive an acceptance letter with a personal identification number. You will also receive a copy of the letter for your dentist. The dentist will bill the DDP directly, based on preapproved care plans, for the cost of dental services. The DDP can assist you in locating a provider in your area.

### What If I Am Eligible For Medicaid?

The DDP will cover dental care at a local private dentist if you have been unable to access the services of a Medicaid provider in your area. Allowable reasons for inability to access a Medicaid provider include: transportation, provider waiting lists, geographic distance and Medicaid spend-down. The DDP will also cover services not covered or denied by Medicaid.

### What If I Am A Veteran?

The DDP will cover veterans who are ineligible for VA dental benefits. VA dental benefits are extremely limited, please contact the local Veterans Administration Office to determine if you are eligible for VA dental benefits prior to applying for the DDP program.

**What If I Have Insurance Co-Pays?**

The Michigan DDP will consider applicants with insurance co-pays on a case by case basis. An applicant must meet all other program criteria and have a demonstrated financial need for assistance with co-pays. Applicants must also provide information on their co-pay status and a letter requesting special consideration.

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